

Roads previously
located declared
valid

existing laws by county authorities, within this State, since the passage of the law authorising the election of Road Commissioners, approved May 23, A. D. 1857, all roads so located are hereby declared valid under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 25. This Act shall be in full force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—March eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
March 8, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

CHAS L. CHASE, Secretary.

CHAPTER XXIV.

An Act to provide for the Letting of the State Printing, Binding and Advertising.

- SECTION 1. Proposals to be received for Printing and Binding for State. Specifications for bids—manner of receiving proposals.
2. Index to Laws, Journals and other documents to be furnished by Secretary of State; Laws to be published within ninety days thereafter.
 3. Declares Laws, Journals, Documents and Advertisements, printed by the Public Printer, as official.
 4. Accounts of Printer to be audited as work progresses, under certain regulations.
 5. Repeals all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this Act.
 6. Act takes effect on passage.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That the Printing, Binding and Advertising, for the Senate and House of Representatives, for the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, for the School and Banking Departments, and all other printing, binding and advertising, for any and every one of the State officers which are now or may hereafter be created, and which may or shall be done under the authority and at the expense of the State of Minnesota, shall hereafter be done as follows : The State Auditor shall, on

State printing
binding

the first Monday in July next, and biennially thereafter, forward by mail, for publication in one or more papers printed in each Senate District of this State, a notice specifying, as nearly as may be estimated, the kinds, character and quantity of printing, binding and advertising which will be required to be done for the State during the term of two years therein designated, and that on or before the first Monday in August next ensuing, and up to 12 M. of said day, the said Auditor will receive proposals from any person or persons actually engaged in the business of printing, publishing and binding, or either, within this State, for the execution of the said printing, binding, and advertising, or any portion of said printing, binding or advertising so required to be done; each of which said proposals shall be accompanied by a sworn statement to be made by the bidder or bidders, specifying the place where such printing, binding and advertising, or any portion thereof so bid for will be performed, and the facilities possessed by him or them for the execution thereof, together with the name and circulation of the paper in which the advertising will be published; and at the expiration of the time limited in said notice for receiving such proposals, the Auditor shall open the same, and award the said contract or contracts for said printing, binding and advertising to the lowest and best bidder or bidders for the whole or any portion of said printing, binding or advertising for said term of two years specified in said public notice: *Provided, however,* That no proposal shall be considered by the Auditor from any person or persons not actually engaged in such business of printing, publishing or binding, respectively, within the State, and that the bidder or bidders shall enclose with his or their proposals, a guaranty of such form and amount as shall be prescribed by the Auditor, that the person or persons making such bid or bids, will, if the same be accepted, enter into a contract according to the terms thereof, and give security in a bond to the people of the State of Minnesota, in a penalty not less than double the estimated sum to which the contract so awarded will amount, to be determined by the Auditor, the form of which bond shall be prescribed by, and the sureties of which shall be satisfactory to such Auditor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the requirements of such contract; which bond, together with the contract, shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State: *Provided, further,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the rights, emoluments and duties of the present State Printer, the Incidental Printer of the two Houses, and the State Binder, during the term for which they have been respectively elected.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall annually cause indexes to the Laws, Journals and Documents of the two Houses to be prepared as soon as practicable after the adjournment of each session of the Legislative Assembly, and

Public notice for proposals

Length of contract

Specifications

Sworn statement of facilities

Advertising—circulation of paper

Award of contract

Proviso

Bonds to accompany each bid

Proviso as to rights of present state printer and binder

Indexes to Laws & Journals—publication of laws &c

the said Laws, Journals and Documents, shall be printed and bound within ninety days after the copy and such indexes are furnished to the contractor or contractors for the printing thereof.

Publication of
Laws &c to be tak-
ken as official

SEC. 3. All Laws, Journals, Documents and Advertisements, printed and published by the person or persons receiving the contract therefor, shall be deemed to be officially printed and published, and full faith and credit shall be given to them as such, in all places whatsoever.

Auditing of ac-
counts—issuing
of warrants

SEC. 4. The State Auditor shall have authority, and it is hereafter made his duty, during the progress of the public printing and binding, and in accordance with such regulations as will secure the State from loss, to audit the accounts for the State printing and binding, and to issue his warrants therefor, against any moneys in the State Treasury which may have been appropriated for such purpose, to the amount of seventy-five per cent. of the printing or binding so done and audited; but the said Auditor shall withhold his warrants for the remaining twenty-five per cent. on each job of printing and binding, until the whole of such job shall be completed and delivered to the proper officer authorized to receive the same.

Repeal of other
acts

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts, contravening the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker *pro tem.* of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—March tenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
March 10, 1858. }

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CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary